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SUBJECT: VEGETABLE SEEDS FOR YOUNG FARMERS OF MAURITIUS

REF: NATIONAL 4-H FOUNDATION LETTER TO RALPH BRESLER, AF/E,
DATED JULY 29, 1974

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS OF MAURITIUS FOR VEGATABLE SEEDS TO REPLANT CROPS DESTROYED BY CYCLONE GERVAISE. FEDERATION IS A WELL-KNOWN, NATION-WIDE ORGANIZATION MAKING SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO INCREASE SMALL SCALE FOOD PRODUCTION. ONE OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS FOR MAURITIUS IS SHORTAGE OF VEGETABLES AFTER CYCLONE. WE BELIEVE THAT SEED AID GIVEN YOUNG FARMERS WOULD BE PRODUCTIVELY UTILIZED.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTS ASSISTANCE OF DEPARTMENT IN DETERMINING IF MODEST FUNDS WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE SEEDS LOCALLY OR IN US FOR AIR SHIPMENT TO YOUNG FARMERS. AT ONE TIME YOUNG FARMERS HAD EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH NATIONAL 4-H FOUNDATION AND LAST YEAR AGAIN WERE IN CONTACT WITH 4-H FOUNDATION IN HOPE OF REESTABLISHING CONTACTS AND POSSIBLY A NEW EXCHANGE PROGRAM. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE NATIONAL 4-H FOUNDATION WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE YOUNG FARMERS OF MAURITIUS TO ASSIST IN THE DISASTER RELIEF EFFORT. SINCE IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT CROPS BE PLANTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE TELEGRAPHIC ANSWER.

3. LETTER FROM YOUNG FARMERS FORWARDED BY POUCH
FEBRUARY 21.

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